

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-773-0248 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted. See the Mayor's FYI next month.

### SHRED-IT EVENT

November 19th - 9am to Noon in the Community Center parking lot. Each household is allowed 3 boxes of documents to be shred on site. PAPER ONLY.

Mayor's Hours Going Mobile? Did you know that every Monday night the Mayor sits in his office at Town Hall from 7:00pm from 9:00pm waiting to hear from you regarding anything you'd like to discuss? It's true, and it's a lonely job. Many a Monday goes by with no one stopping by. So let's change this up! If you have a group of folks, small or large, who would like to discuss any issue, please call 301-773-7486 to schedule a time. I will be happy to come to your meeting.

Envision Cheverly: In early 2012 Cheverly will be participating with the Maryland Park and Planning Commission to develop a planning document for the *Route 202 Corridor* from the 450 / 202 intersection to the Capital Beltway. The Cheverly Planning Board has been doing a lot of preparation in anticipation, including developing a survey to get feedback from the community in general. They will be reaching out to community organizations over the next few months to solicit input. Please keep your ears open as information comes available in the next couple of months.

Could your car use a tune up? The Town Council is currently considering an ordinance that would allow the town to fine residents whose cars are leaking a significant amount of fluid on town roads. Not only do these fluids destroy our roads but they also pollute the Chesapeake watershed. When it rains, these fluids flow into the storm drains and eventually pollute the Chesapeake Bay. This ordinance was introduced at the October 13 meeting, and we expect to pass this measure in December.

Cheverly is being audited! It's true. Every year Cheverly hires independent auditors to scrutinize our budget and financial processes to ensure that our budget is accurate and no financial issues exist. The results are reported to the state of Maryland on October 31<sup>st</sup>, and the Town Council will review the results in December. The results of the audit should be available in the next newsletter.

Is a Sound Wall along Route 50 in Cheverly's Future? Thanks to the efforts of the 47<sup>th</sup> State Delegation, especially Senator Victor Ramirez and Delegate Michael Summers, the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to perform sound testing along Route 50. Unfortunately, the testing did not occur along Forest Avenue where residents are most affected, because federal law states that sound walls can only be evaluated where homes were built PROR TO the expansion of Route 50. SHA did perform testing along the 2200 block of Cheverly Ave.

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and the 6100 block of Arbor Street. The results of the testing indicate that decibel levels indeed exceed federal limits. We are awaiting SHA's feedback regarding the environmental and financial feasibility of erecting a wall along this stretch of Route 50. There are many steps to go, but we have passed the first hurdle.

Cheverly's Stimulus Continues: At long last the 3200 and 3600 blocks of Belleview have been repaved. The Town in partnership with WSSC completed this effort in Mid-October. In answer to the most frequently asked question – "yes the speed humps on Belleview will be replaced soon". The town also plans to repave 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue this fall, IF the weather permits. Please bear with us, as we await a window in the weather to get the job done.

WSSC Meets with the Ward 4 Civic Association: In September WSSC met with the Ward 4 Civic Association to discuss upcoming projects for 2012. As residents of Belleview Avenue know, when WSSC repairs their pipes the process can take quite some time and cause considerable inconvenience to residents. In 2012 WSSC plans to upgrade the water pipes along State Street in Ward 4 and Tremont Ave in Ward 1. Once the process starts, the project is predicted to take up to 250 days.

Prince George's County Wood Quarantine – Most of you have probably met David Konieczko while selling walking sticks and wood products at various events around town. In a recent discussion, David mentioned to me that Prince George's County was under a wood quarantine because of the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer. This means that we shouldn't export wood from our county to other counties or states. So if you are having trees cut down or camping out of state please ensure that Prince George's hardwoods are not brought out of the county.

**Aldi's and the KFC:** It seems as though in every newsletter I announce a short delay in the Aldi Grand Opening. The Aldi building encountered another setback when a small section of their roof collapsed during the reconstruction. Representatives of Aldi have stated that the Grand Opening is now scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>. In other news; the Kentucky Fried

Chicken building, at the corner of Kilmer and Route 202, is currently being renovated to accommodate the relocation of the New York Fried Chicken business that is currently located at Route 450 and Cherry Hill Lane. By the way, the New York Fried Chicken also scoops Hershey's Ice Cream. So if you find yourself craving ice cream – stop by for a cone and support a local business.

Is your Street Light Out? On a recent evening jaunt around town, I was surprised to identify 10 street lights not working. As we approach the longer nights of winter, our street lights are a key deterrent to crime. If your street light is dim, flickering, or just plain out please report it. If the affected light is on a wooden pole the light is Pepco's responsibility. You can report Pepco's outages at <a href="www.pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetlight/outagereport/default.aspx">www.pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetlight/outagereport/default.aspx</a>. Please note that every wooden pole has a unique numeric identifier (in the form of XXXXXXX-XXXX) that you will need when reporting an issue. The ornamental steel pole lights do not have numbers.. Report the exact address to Pepco along with the identification of the type of light.

**Reporting Booms:** Recently there have been postings on the various list serves in town regarding folks who have heard a "boom". It is critical that residents call Town Hall (301) 773-8360 when they experience a boom. Data regarding times and locations is critical to uncovering the mystery. When you call please leave a short message noting the time of the boom and your address.

Cheverly Recreation Council - Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm for our Holiday dinner. We will discuss the children's Holiday Party that will be held on Sat. Dec. 3 at 11 am and the Fall Flea Market. There will be no December meeting. We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and 2012 New year.

### **HOLIDAYS**

Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day Employee Appreciation Day Fri. Nov. 11 Thur. Nov. 24 Fri. Nov 25

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY



**Saturday, December 3rd** will be a big day in Cheverly because "SANTA" is coming to the Recreation Council's *Holiday Party*. Starting time is **11:00AM** with crafts entertainment, refreshments, and pictures with "Santa!" Santa will talk to every boy and girl. Everything takes place at the Community Center, it's a great way to start the holidays.

**Need help with YARD WORK?** To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.

Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

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Patrick Doherty
Robert Conto
Nickolas Lal
Malik or Tyriq McAdoo
Xavier Pinkney
Max or Jake Allegro
James Porcari
John Pooley
Byron Bamigbade
Xavier Milam
Andrew Teel
Dorian Dixon
Ben Hartmann
Andrew or Ashley Priest
Emmanuel Mitchell
James Kernan
Jack Alkire
Miles Ward
Victor Ojo

Dangelo Roscoe

301-322-7930



The Holiday "Secret Shop" is back and better than ever! The Senior Girl Scouts in town have been busy buying economical gifts (\$1-5) to stock "The Shop" which will be open *on Friday*, *Dec 2 from 6-8 and Satur-*

day, December 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm at the Cheverly Community Center. It is a joint event for three town organizations. The Woman's Club will be selling several large basket raffles (tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5) with proceeds going to the Peace Club. On Saturday, the Woman's Club will also be selling breakfast and lunch foods. The Rec Council will sponsor the Holiday Party on Saturday from 11-2 featuring pictures with Santa and entertainment for the kids.

Our girls have selected some great gifts again this year. The high school students will help your child select the perfect presents for Mom, Dad, grandparents and friends. Together they will wrap and label the presents so everyone can share in the surprise!

The tree lighting schedule has changed a little this year and events will begin at the Community Center. The program at the Center will start at 6:30 and then move to Legion Park for the lighting. The Secret Shop will be open for business for a preview that evening from 6-8 and the Raffle tickets will be on sale as well. Come support these three town organizations on either Friday or Saturday and get a great start to the Holiday season!

**Ward One Post -** Hello Wonderful Ward One! Just a brief reminder to come out for our Ward

Safety Meeting the evening of November 9<sup>th</sup>! Read the Chief's report for the details and hope to see you there!

Also, please do make use of my mobile, 202-258-6167. It is often the best way to reach me and I am here for you!

### Message from the Chief



Buddy Robshaw (policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

**REMINDER** – Texting while driving is now a primary traffic offense calling for a \$70 fine and one point on your driving record. If you are tex-

ting and involved in an accident, you accumulate 3 points on your driver's license. Talking on the telephone (not hands free) is still a secondary violation resulting in a \$40 and no points for a 1<sup>st</sup> violation, and a \$100 fine and 1 point violation for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or more. As with texting, 3 points are accumulated should you be involved in a traffic accident while talking on a telephone in your hand.

**WARD MEETINGS** – The following Ward Meetings have been scheduled for the Police Department Conference Room on the below dates and times:

Ward 2 – October 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Ward 6 – November 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Ward 1 – November 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM

The purpose of these meetings is to generally discuss crime issues in the Town and to address specific problems within each of the individual Wards. Besides the Chief of Police, Police Department representatives will include the Investigative Supervisor, at least one Investigator, the traffic officer, and the Code Enforcement Officer. These meetings are very important in that residents can bring up any issues they think are important. In addition, programs available to all residents and as well as crime deterrence and prevention ideas are discussed. Please try to attend the Ward meeting for which you are a resident.

YOU HAVE TO READ THIS – Crime prevention and deterrence are the two biggest responsibilities that the Police Department and the residents in Cheverly share as equal partners. As an example of this partnership, I have often stated that more than 60% of our burglaries in the Town could be averted or deterred if we all were LEWD (Locked Every Window and Door) and we all arranged for a simple Home Security Survey.

During a number of recent visits with residents, I took the opportunity to ask them why they had not committed to a survey. I expected the standard response – statistically, there is a greater chance I won't be burglarized then I will – for which I usually counter with the fact that target selection by burglars is usually varied and so unsystematic that no part of the Town is immune from this crime. The other answers were more problematic:

- 1. I won't be burglarized because I really do not having anything worth taking.
- 2. I have a safe for my valuables, no money lying around to speak of, and I have only costume jewelry.

- 3. I have an alarm.
- 4. I have a big dog.
- 5. My house is mess, I need the Survey done on the weekend, and I probably can't afford to make the improvements anyway.

Now, let me take a minute to debunk these reasons as well so that they should not be impediments to have a free Home Security Survey performed at your residence.

- Very, very few burglars have inside knowledge as to what a particular residence contains prior to deciding to enter said residence. More homes are entered based upon ease of entry and probability of discovery than on what assets could be found inside. In addition, the damage from a forced entry by a burglar is frequently greater than the value of anything removed from within.
- Money is only one of the assets a burglar is looking for and very few burglars take the time to evaluate the authenticity of jewelry or other valuables in the few moments they spend inside a residence. In addition, safes are frequently stolen because of the enticement they present rather than the contents they hold.
- Alarms, generally, do not prevent burglaries but report crimes that would otherwise not be discovered until the homeowner gets home. Most burglars are not deterred by alarms but limit the amount of time they spend within a residence to that which they believe (with some justification) is less time than it ultimately takes for the alarm company to notify the police.
- Dogs have not traditionally been a very good deterrent to burglars, principally because, most home pets are not sufficiently aggressive enough to deter a determined burglar.
- We do not care what your house looks like, only your windows, doors, other places of entry, locks, and lighting look like. We also perform Surveys day or night, weekday or weekend.

So, there you go. There are now no excuses for why Home Security Surveys are not a top priority in Cheverly!

C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING – Because of the above listed Ward Meetings, there <u>will not</u> be a joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program for November 2011.

#### NEW PRESCRIPTION DROP BOX AT THE STA-

**TION** – The Department recently obtained a grant from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) for a prescription drug drop off box that is now

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located in the station lobby. All Cheverly residents are encouraged to drop off their expired prescription drugs for free disposal rather than depositing these items in the regular trash or flushing unwanted drugs down a toilet. Not only does this service improve our environment, it deters unwanted narcotics and other drugs from falling into the hands of persons for which these drugs were not prescribed.

Residents who wish to drop off expired prescription drugs, unused pharmaceuticals, or over the counter medications, may do so anonymously (no requests for identification will be made) during office hours (M-F, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) in the metal drop off box. Please make sure that any personal information (name, address, etc.) is blocked out on any prescription container and that the lids on all liquids are tightly closed. No intra-venous solutions, injectibles, syringes, or illicit substances will be accepted. The next major pick up date by our destruction contractor is October 29, 2011.

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS -

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Police Facsimile	(301) 341-0176
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641
P. G. Towing (Towing Vendor)	(301) 220-1170
Cheverly Investigators	(301) 789-5090
	(301) 789-8551
	(301) 852-8457
Cheverly Traffic Officer	(301) 789-7743

Crime Report for September 2011 (All Addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 26 Total Traffic for the Month: 623

Total Crime (Difference, YTD 2010-2011): 9%

09-01-1	11	2059 Hrs	3100 Hillside Ave	B&E/Residential
09-04-1	11	1143 Hrs	5600 Euclid Street	B&E/Residential
09-05-1	11	1226 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Theft
09-06-1	11	0601 Hrs	2300 Parkway	Theft
09-08-1	11	0750 Hrs	2300 Craftsman Cr	Theft
09-12-1	11	2155 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
09-13-1	11	0630 Hrs	3000 Cheverly Ave	Theft
09-15-1	11	1943 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
09-17-1	11	1136 Hrs	3400 Cheverly Ave	Assault (Arrest)
09-19-1	11	0525 Hrs	5700 Carlyle Street	Theft
09-19-1	11	0900 Hrs	Cheverly Circle	Vandalism
09-21-1	11	0052 Hrs	6000 Arbor Street	Theft
09-21-1	11	1202 Hrs	6200 Monroe St	B&E/Residential
09-24-1	11	0020 Hrs	3100 Cheverly Ave	Theft
09-24-1	11	2005 Hrs	Boyd Park	Vandalism

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Re-broadcast Everyday at Noon, 6 PM & 10 PM

### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

### Town Meeting - September 8, 2011

- ☐ Motion CM Eldridge to approve R-6-11 accepting the recommendations of the Green Infrastructure Plan. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 5-0.
- □ Motion CM Riazi to approve CA-2-11 annexing Lot 4 Block
   8. Seconded CM Cook. Approved 5-0.

### Worksession - September 22, 2011

☐ Motion CM Eldridge that the Town of Cheverly join the Baltimore Washington Partners for Forest Stewardship and send a delegate from the Green Infrastructure Committee to the monthly meetings. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 5-0.

### Town Meeting - October 13, 2011

☐ Motion CM Riazi to approve R-8-11 establishing the membership of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee. Seconded CM Cook. Approved 5-0.

### TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - November 10, 2011

Worksession - December 1, 2011

### MONTHLY E-CYCLING DATA September 2011

Electronic Recycling - 9 pallots Appliances - 12 Curb Recycling - 48.37 tons





### LEAF COLLECTION PROCEDURES

### **Vacuum Leaves:**



- Rake leaves between the curb and sidewalk not on the street or sidewalk
- Please do not rake your leave too early. 2 days prior to your collection day is permitted. Be considerate of your neighbors who have bagged their leaves. Remember the wind plays havoc with loose leaves.
- Keep leaves free of twigs, branches, metal, concrete and other debris that can jam or damage the equipment.
- Please do not park cars on the street on the assigned collection day.

**Bag Leaves**: Yard waste is collected on <u>MONDAYS</u>. Put bags at the curb on Sunday evening. Use <u>CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS</u> only (sold at Town Hall or Public Works - \$5 for 50 bags). Yard waste includes leaves, grass, brush, twigs, etc. Do not put any dirt, rocks, or other trash/debris in these bags.

Bamboo is collected on Thursday or Friday w/bulk trash. Tied and bundled in 4' lengths.

STREET	ADDRESS	1 <sup>st</sup> Pickup Date
Entire Town		Oct. 11-21
Arbor Street	6100 – 6199	Oct. 28
Belleview Ave	2300-2398 (even)	Dec. 9
Belleview Ave	2301-2399 (odd)	Dec. 13
Belleview Ave	2700-2799	Oct. 28
Belleview Ave	2800-2899	Nov. 18
Belleview Ave	3000-3599	Nov. 18
Benton Road	5900-5999	Dec. 9
Carlyle Street	5700-5899	Dec. 6
Cedar Street	6500-6514	Nov. 10
Cheverly Ave	2200-2799	Oct. 28
Cheverly Ave	2800-3598 (even)	Nov. 18
Cheverly Ave	2801-3599 (odd)	Dec. 15
Cheverly Cr	#1-#27	Oct. 28
Cheverly Cr	6100-6199	Oct. 28
Chev Hills Ct.	3200-3220	Nov. 8
Chev Oaks Ct.	2900-2923	Nov. 10
Chev Park Dr	6200-6299	Nov. 1
Col Park Road	(in Town)	Nov. 17
Crest Avenue	2500-2899	Dec. 6
Crest Avenue	3000-3299	Nov. 18
Crestlawn Ave	2300-2399	Nov. 1
Dewey Street	5800-5899	Dec. 6

Euclid Street	5700-5799	Dec. 8
Euclid Street	5901-6099	Dec. 9
Forest Road	5700-5799	Dec. 8
Forest Road	5900-6098 even	Nov. 29
Forest Road	5901-6299 odd	Nov. 3
Forest Road	6100-6298 even	Dec. 15
Forest Road	6405-6499	Nov. 17
Greenleaf Rd	5600-5699	Dec. 8
Greenleaf Rd	5701-5899 (odd)	Dec. 8
Greenleaf Rd	5700-5898 (even)	Nov. 29
Greenleaf Ct.		Nov. 29
Hawthorne St	5600-5699	Dec. 8
Hawthorne St	6000-6099	Nov. 29
Hillside Ave	2800-3199	Nov. 10
Hillside Ave	3200-3299	Nov. 15
Inwood St	5600-5699	Dec. 1
Inwood St	6000-6099	Nov. 29
Inwood St	6100-6299	Dec. 16
Inwood St	6300-6499	Nov. 8
Jason St	5600-5799	Dec. 1
Jason St	6300-6399	Nov. 8
Joslyn Pl	6300-6399	Nov. 8
Jutewood Ave	1607	Nov. 4

STREET	ADDRESS	1 <sup>ST</sup> Pickup Date
Kilmer St	6000-6099	Dec. 1
Kilmer St	6100-6299	Dec. 16
Lake Ave	2300-2599	Dec. 9
Lake Ave	2700-2799	Nov. 3
Lake Ave	3000-3199	Dec. 1
Landover Rd	5611-6099 (odd)	Dec. 2
Landover Rd	6101-6299 (odd)	Dec. 16
Landover Rd	6305-6511 (odd)	Nov. 8
Landover Rd	6513-6531 (odd)	Nov. 8
Laurel Ave	2800-3499	Dec. 16
Lockwood Rd	5600-5999	Dec. 1
Lombard Ave	6100-6299	Oct. 25
Maureen Ct	6500-6599	Nov. 15
Medical Terr	5900-5999	Nov. 18
Monroe St	5625-5627 (odd)	Dec. 2
Monroe St	5700-5799	Dec. 2
Monroe St	6200-6299	Dec. 16
Montrose Rd	6100-6199	Oct. 25
Newton St	5518-5614 (even)	Dec. 2
Newton St	5700-5899	Dec. 2
Oak Forest Rd	6500-6509	Nov. 10
Oak Street	6500-6599	Nov. 15
Oak Street	6600-6604 (even)	Nov. 15
Oak Street	6601-6609 (odd)	Nov. 15
Oakton Way	6400-6403	Nov. 10
Parkway	2800-3199	Oct. 25
Parkway	2200-2399	Nov. 1
Parkway	2401-2699 (odd)	Nov. 1
Parkway	2400-2698 (even)	Nov. 3
Parkway Pl	2700-2799	Nov. 3
Quincy St	5543-5545 (odd)	Dec. 2
Reed St	6000-6098 (even)	Nov. 4
State St	6000-6299	Nov. 4
Tremont Ave	2900-3399	Dec. 6
Valleyway	2400-2800	Dec. 13
Wayne Ct	6200-6299	Nov. 1
Wayne Pl	2500-2599	Nov. 1
Woodway Pl	2800-2909	Nov. 10

	1 <sup>ST</sup> Pickup Date
2900-2999	Dec. 8
2500-2699	Dec. 6
3501-3507 (odd)	Dec. 2
3600-3699	Dec. 2
2400-2499	Dec. 13
2410-2421	Dec. 13
1700-1899	Nov. 4
1700-1899	Nov. 4
Alley	Nov. 17
2800-2899	Oct. 27
3100-3199	Nov. 8
2800-3099	Oct. 27
3100-3199	Nov. 17
1800-1899	Nov. 4
2800-2898	Oct. 27
2900-2999	Nov. 10
3315,3321,3323	Nov. 15
	2500-2699 3501-3507 (odd) 3600-3699 2400-2499 2410-2421 1700-1899 1700-1899 Alley 2800-2899 3100-3199 2800-3099 3100-3199 1800-1899 2800-2898 2900-2999





### Cheverly Community Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Cheverly Community Center Culminating at 7:45 at Legion Park

The tree lighting has classically been a Town Council sponsored event. This year we wanted to make some changes to

encourage greater participation and a community focus for our Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting. So, we are reorganizing the event around the theme of a Community Celebration of Caring and Sharing.

We are asking everyone to step forward and take the opportunity to give by:

Bringing non-perishable food to be given for use by local area food banks

Bring a card of well wishes to be sent to service members overseas

Sign a banner wishing Peace on Earth and add your well wishes and thoughts

This year, in order to better accommodate families with younger children, we are starting the festivities at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Our neighborhood schools will be singing for us and the handbell choir will help us ring in the season. This year we are offering some new coloring selections to allow our children to showcase their artistic sides as well as an essay opportunity focused on the themes of: "What I like most about Cheverly in the winter" or "My wishes for the New Year". All submissions must be delivered to Town Hall by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Cheverly Methodist Church will call us all to the tree lighting at Legion Park by ringing their bells at 7:45 p. m. and, at the Community Center the Handbell Choir will ring us out to walk down to Legion Park together where we will have caroling, light the tree and holiday displays and enjoy the warmth and light of our very first Cheverly Yule Log.

Please do set aside some time to come together as a Cheverly Family and join in this Community Celebration of Caring and Sharing and, of course, loads of fun!

\*If driving, park your cars down by Legion Park and walk up to the Community Center and your car will be ready for you after the tree lighting.

Have Questions? Suggestions? Please contact Laila at 202.258.6167.

### **Caring and Sharing**

Canned Food Drive
Cards for Service Members Overseas
Peace on Earth Banner Signing and Decoration

### Winter in Cheverly Through the Eyes of a Child

Display and Surprises Coloring Pages Creative Writing

#### Celebration

Presentation of Flags Cheverly Schools' Musical Selections Handbell Choir Gingerbread Cookies, Cider, Hot Chocolate

### Gathering

Sounding of Bells to Call All for the Tree Lighting Caroling

Lighting of the Tree and Holiday Displays Lighting of Our Very First Cheverly Yule Log

### TREE CLEAN UP TIPS

In Cheverly, the Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of all trees along the street within the public right of way. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of trees on private property.

The following frequently asked questions from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources are provided as a resource for property owners.

## Q: A tree fell on my property from my neighbor's property. Who is responsible?

**A:** The general rule for fallen trees, or small accidents that may be qualified as an "Act of God", is that the affected owner is responsible for the damages to their own property, including clean up, removal & similar expenses.

# Q: I want branches removed from overhanging my property but the tree belongs to my neighbor. Who is responsible?

**A:** Maryland follows the "Massachusetts Self-Help Rule" This rule states that a property owner can cut off branches which are intruding over his property as long as he doesn't kill the tree.

### Q: Who should I hire to do tree work on my tree?

**A:** In order to do tree work in Maryland, a tree care professional must be a Maryland Licensed Tree Expert.

### St. Ambrose School

Open House - Dec 4, 2011 (11:30 AM - 2:00 PM) SAS Night at Franklin's - Dec. 12, 2011 (5-8 PM)

**The Cheverly History Club** will meet on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Cheverly Community Center. We will have a short meeting to discuss the future of the club and the town's archives.

**Adult Zumba** (17 years of age and up)

Four week classes, \$25.00 Three classes, \$20.00 Sunday 7:00pm-8:00pm Sunday 8:00pm-9:00pm

November 6-27, \$25.00 four weeks December 4-18, \$20.00 three weeks January 8-29, \$25.00 four weeks

Mommy and Me (tots and one parent Saturdays 9:30am-10:30am November 5-26, \$25.00

Please call if you have any questions (301) 386-2278



Cheverly Green Plan - Meeting Mon, Nov 7, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Community Center.. Focus on distribution and launch of the Green Plan with an emphasis on Sustainable Maryland certification. All are welcome to contribute to action and implementation for a thriving green Cheverly! For more information visit the Green Plan website at www.GreenCheverly.org.

Cheverly Green Plan Launch—Sat, Nov 19, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Community Center, Games, information, demonstrations, prizes! Take the Cheverly Green Tour at the Community Center. Participate in the Community Market scavenger hunt of vendors selling local produce and locally-made items that promote a healthy environment

Visit the display of live animals native to the Chesapeake Bay region. Learn about composting, rain barrels, wind-powered electricity, and more. Hike the Nature Trail and find the secret message to become a Cheverly Green Steward. Test your Cheverly Green IQ and enter to win prizes, including the grand prize rain barrel!

Fun events for all ages! For more information visit the Green Plan website at www.GreenCheverly.org.

Cheverly Soccer Club - The CSC is gearing up for another exciting indoor season. We are looking to play most of our games at the nearby Greenbelt indoor facility this year. Teams will start forming in November and the first session is expected to begin in December. Players of all ages are being sought for boys and girls teams. We are also looking for Coaches and Assistant Coaches. No experience is required, just a desire to help the kids. We can pair you up with an experienced coach or help you establish your own team. Check the CSC web site (http://cheverlysoccerclub.com) for additional information or contact Ray Sexton (301.341.1960).

Work Off That Big Turkey Dinner at the November FLBC Work Party!

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek, on Saturday, November 26 between 9 am and noon for our monthly Work Party. This month we will continue working on spreading wood chips and extending our trail to Magruder Spring. We'll also remove invasive plants. We will meet at the Arbor Street entrance to the trail. (Directions: From the 7-11, go down Cheverly Avenue and make your first right onto Arbor Street. At the end of the block, you'll see the entrance to the trail on your right.) However, if you make a mistake and go to the Woodworth Park entrance to the trail, there will be a sign re-directing you. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, school community service hours are available. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Joani Horchler at 301-322-2620 or cell 301-802-7445.

Cheverly Day 2012: Cheverly Day 2012 will be on Saturday, May 12 (twelfth.) Our Town will be 81 years old. There won't be a parade, but we'll have live music all day, basketball, softball, food, kids' games and we hope to have a race/walk! Keep watching <a href="https://www.cheverlyday.com">www.cheverlyday.com</a> for more information and opportunities to volunteer – this event cannot succeed without YOUR help. Please volunteer so that we can continue to produce the Magazine and other amenities. Our next planning meeting is Tuesday November 8 at 7:30pm at Town Hall. Contact CM Thorpe at <a href="https://dct.dct.org/dct.gov

## CHEVERLY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dust & Ashes Concert Sunday, November 18, 2011 - 10:00 am Service - Tom Page and Mary Lou Troutman returns to bring the message for the day through the music they share - - a treat we always look forward to. Come and Enjoy

Co-Sponsored Youth Activities of Cheverly United Methodist Church & St. Ambrose Parish Saturday, Nov 19, 200 6:00 – 9:00pm "Movie Night" Food & Fun - High School Students, I ncluding graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders @ St. Amborse Parish

CUMC Annual Fund Raiser Dinner/ Silent Auction Saturday, November 5, 2011 6:00 – 10:00pm Tickets \$35.00. Contact Denise Carrigan or Danielle Giese for ticket information or to donate items to the Silent auction. <a href="mailto:denisecarrigan@hotmail.com">denisecarrigan@hotmail.com</a> 301 386 3678 (Denise) <a href="mailto:tandiwedtj@yahoo.com">tandiwedtj@yahoo.com</a> 301 773 7318 (Danielle)

Children's Church (age 4 to 12 years) meets on Sundays, from 10:20 to 11:10 a.m. at Cheverly United Methodist Church.featuring Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. For more information, call the church at 301-773-1314 or email <a href="mailto:Children@CheverlyUMC.org">Children@CheverlyUMC.org</a>

Thanksgiving Service - The Clergy and Congregations of The Cheverly area Churches come together for a combined Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am @ CUMC Host Church will be Christ Church @ CUMC All are Welcome!

**GNS PTA Upda**te - November 2011 - Here's what the Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School PTA is up to....

Thanks to everyone who came to our first PTA meeting! It was a huge success with over 120 parents and children attending. Our next meetings will be on Tuesday, November 1 and Tuesday, December 6, both at 6:30pm in the multipurpose room.

The GNS PTA is seeking partnerships with stores and restaurants to help us meet our goal of providing free dinner at PTA meetings, as well as food and other items for PTA-hosted events. Big thanks to ALDI for already making a donation! If you are a business owner, or if you work for a business that might want to partner with the GNS PTA, contact GNS PTA Co-Vice President Jen Eldridge at jalleneldridge@yahoo.com or 240-271-9737.

We need volunteers for our new Library Corps, which will help to alleviate the loss of our full-time media specialist due to county budget cuts. We're looking for volunteers who can commit to working in the GNS library at least two hours one Tuesday per month between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00 pm

We're happy to announce that the volunteer training will take place on Friday, Nov. 11. This is an easy and fun way to make a really big difference for the students at your neighborhood elementary school. Interested? Contact GNS PTA President Aimee Olivo at aimeeolivo@gmail.com or 202-210-0380.

### **Cheverly Parents Resource Center**

(CPRC) - CPRC would like to extend a huge welcome to our new members and a resounding thanks to our returning members for the 2011-2012 membership year! We have recently emailed a membership directory to all dues paying members, which contains current information about each family (parents & children's names, addresses, and phone numbers) and is an excellent resource for keeping in touch with friends and neighbors.

If you forgot to join by the Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline to be included in the directory, you can still join CPRC (just \$15 per family) and enjoy discounts to CPRC sponsored events throughout the year. Join online at <a href="mailto:cheverlyparent.org/">cheverlyparent.org/</a> You can also join a free CPRC listserve (CPRC News or CPRC Playgroup) online at <a href="mailto:cheverlyparent.org/Resources/community">cheverlyparent.org/Resources/community</a>.

A CPRC membership lets you enjoy free events, like our November 19<sup>th</sup> private session in the gymnastics arena at the PG Sports and Learning Complex from 2:30 to 3:30pm. This is always a favorite with parents and kids.

Children ranging from toddler to age 12 can jump, climb, and swing their energies out. Entrance is FREE for CPRC members. Non-members pay just \$6 per child (walking to age 12). Non-walkers are free. To RSVP for open gym send an email to <a href="meals@cheverlyparent.org">meals@cheverlyparent.org</a>. Oh, and we love babies! Contact our welcome basket coordinator at <a href="meals@cheverlyparents.org">welcome@cheverlyparents.org</a> and our meals coordinator at <a href="meals@cheverlyparent.org">meals@cheverlyparent.org</a> for information on gift baskets and meals for new babies and families.

Also, don't forget to join us for playgroup M/W/F, 9:30 to 11:30am. During the winter months we will gather at the town community center. If we are graced with a sunny and warm day we will play at Gast "Cheese" Park. Updates will be sent via the CPRC playgroup listserve.

Finally, MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our annual Holiday Party (co-sponsored by Cheverly Working Moms) on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the town community center. More details to come!

Like us up on Facebook @CPRC.

Woman's Club - Our plans for the holiday season are coming together. We're partnering with Barbara Pejokovich and the Rec Council who will be hosting the Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the gym from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Photos with Santa will be available for the children as well as various fun activities and refreshments. Santa has been given a gift this year as well...come and see it!

We're also partnering once again with Girl Scout Troop #435 who will operate the traditional "Holiday Secret Shop". The Shop will be set up at the Community Center on Friday, Dec. 2 from 6 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Additional details are elsewhere in this newsletter. The Scouts had fun, did an outstanding job last year and are looking forward to doing it again. They will contribute a portion of their profits to Summer Peace Camp 2012 and use the rest for troop activities.

In addition, the Woman's Club is sponsoring the food and a gift bag raffle. These proceeds will be donated to Peace Camp as well. If you have young children, we invite you to have them participate. Some of our children who've grown up and are now parents and living in town bring their children to have fun and support this community effort. If you don't have young children, come anyway... food and a gift basket raffle are always fun for all ages.

We encourage you to use the holidays to create instances for you and your family to contribute to Peace Camp. Let's show our gratitude and celebration by doing what we can to help our children learn skills of peace for their lives and the future of society.

Cheverly Community Market - Last month's final market was so much fun! In addition to our regular vendors, we greeted Studio716 from Baltimore. They specialize in sculpture work made from metal salvage. The pieces can be used as lawn art or fitted with a stand for inside use. They will be at our remaining markets.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Dixieland Jazz Band provided rousing music to get our juices flowing. As final warm weather treat for the little ones, we held a Regatta using cucumbers as boats and pirate puppets for finalists. Many thanks to Dermot O'Leary and Christian Gomez for supervising this activity.

On November 19, from 9:00 - 1:00, we will be holding our indoor Harvest Market. In addition to our regular vendors, we have invited artisans from the area to help you get some holiday shopping done early.

Wilasaco, a Bolivian composer will be entertaining us with his very beautiful and haunting instrumental music that depicts the folkloric tradition of Bolivia. He is a seasoned performer as well as a highly respected maker of Andean wind instruments. He will be selling CDs of this hauntingly beautiful music.

Our vendors will be selling their fruits, vegetables, wine, fine meats, breads, fish, sausage, jam, cheese and tasty sweets galore. On the non-food side we will have jewelry, baby items, glassware, pottery, knit caps and scarves, metal sculpture, and many fabric designs.

Come on by to enjoy the Green Initiative Projects, then come inside to choose our farmers fresh, local products for your holiday celebrations.

**COMPOST BIN PROJECT** - SoilSaver compost bins are available to Cheverly residents for only \$20 (reg. price up to \$99.98 at Amazon & other locations). Purchase a bin by contacting Doug Alexander at 301-773-2082 or dalexander@nieinstitute.org or at the Cheverly Community Market Saturday, November 19. The low price has been made possible by grants from the Town of Cheverly and the Chesapeake Bay Trust (from the Green Infrastructure Plan Committee grant). This is a comprehensive plan to encourage all residents to compost (see what & what not to compost below). Composting will reduce Town tipping fees and improve overall waste management. You'll also produce great compost to amend your garden, bushes and lawn. The goal is to place 400 bins over 3-years that will save the Town over \$56,000 in tipping fees over the next 10-years.

### WHAT TO COMPOST (Mix of GREENS with higher nitrogen ratio & BROWNS higher carbon.):

**GREENS:** vegetables, fruits, grains, coffee grounds with filter, tea bags, nut shells, plant cuttings, weeds (no seeds), hedge trimmings, grass clippings (best to leave mowed grass in place to fertilize your lawn). Also **natural fibers** such as cotton pads/swabs, cat, dog & even human hair, worn cotton, wool, & leather cloths (cut into small pieces). You can also add manure, bonemeal, old potting soil or other ingredients to increase the fertilizer quality of your compost.

**BROWNS**: eggshells, wood chips, branches (small), straw, leaves (small amount in bin - rest mowed into lawn as detailed below), pine needles. Also **soiled paper products** such as paper towels, napkins, tissue paper, compostable paper plates or cups (no coatings).

WHAT NOT TO COMPOST: meat/fish, bones, oils & fats, dairy products, pet/human feces or pet litter, whole eggs, inorganic wastes (plastic, metals, chemicals etc.). If you're not sure, don't compost it.

WHERE TO USE YOUR COMPOST: Dig compost into your vegetable or flower garden to amend the soil. Compost improves soil quality, increases water retention and adds nutrients. Compost can be used as mulch under bushes and trees. Thin amounts can be spread on lawns to add nutrients and as mulch.

#### DON'T DISPOSE OF FOOD IN YOUR GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Many of us thought we were supposed to dispose of food down the garbage disposal. We didn't realize that doing so increases the volume of solid waste in the sewage.

Water authorities must strain the food wastes put down the disposal (plus other solid waste) from the water before treating them. The added volume of food waste makes the straining and treatment take longer and is more expensive. It's more cost effective and beneficial to compost your food waste in your compost bin.

#### LEAF COMPOSTING IN YOUR YARD

Leaves can be added to your compost bin with food waste, but most of us have too many leaves to fit in the bin. We end up either bagging the leaves or raking them to the curb for pick up.

An easier way that takes less energy and time than raking and bagging is to just mow the leaves into your lawn. Grass and leaves when cut together make a perfect combination that composts quickly right into your lawn. This provides nutrients that promote lawn growth in the spring and acts as mulch to help keep moisture in the soil.

If you have a modest amount of leaves (you can see grass through the leaves), you can use your mulching lawn mower to cut the leaves and grass together and just let them compost into the lawn.

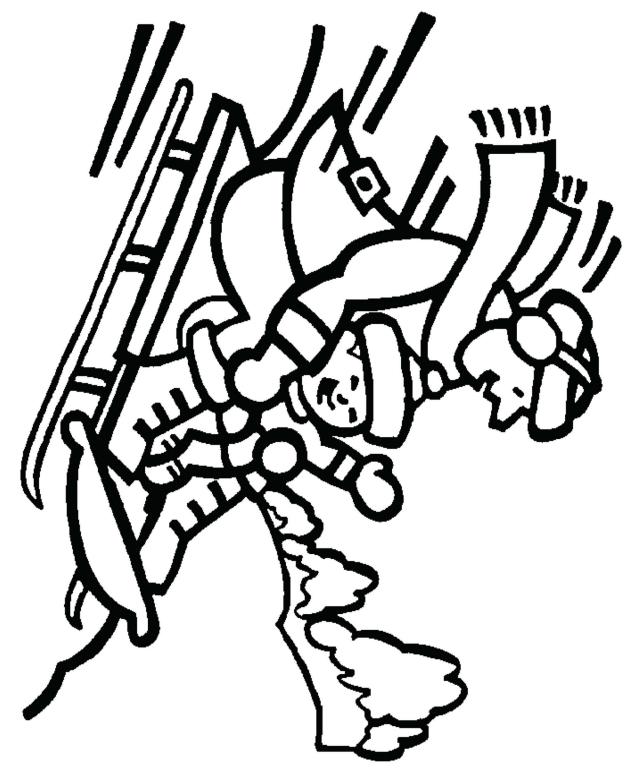
If you have a medium amount of leaves (2-3 inches), you can mow as above a couple times over a 2-3 week period as the leaves are falling before they get too deep.

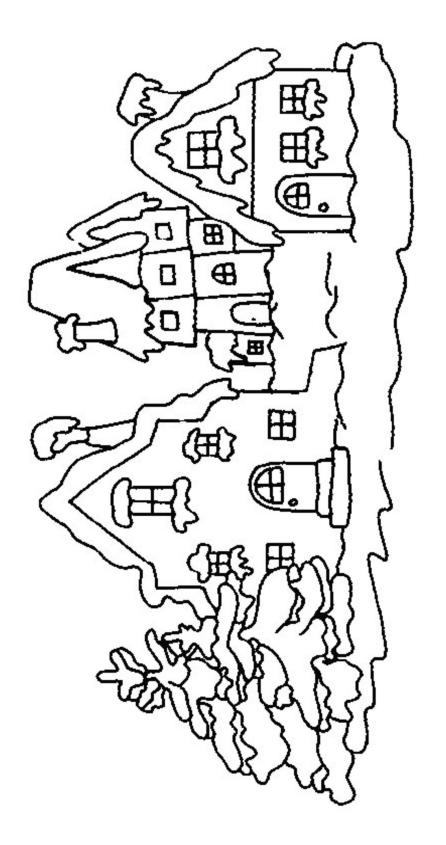
If you have a large volume of leaves (3-5 inches), you can use your mower with the side chute open. Start in the middle of your lawn and mow out toward the edges with the leaves being blown toward the edges of your yard. As you mow going out toward the edges the leaf pieces get smaller and smaller. Some will stay on the lawn and compost in place with the grass. The rest will make a small pile along the whole edge of your yard that will compost by early spring. It can be left in place, dug into your garden, or used as mulch under bushes. This keeps all the leaf nutrients in your yard.

One last option is to make a pile of leaves in a corner of your yard. Use your lawn mower to cut the leaves into small pieces that will compost faster. Sprinkle/mix Urea or other high-nitrogen compound into the pile. This will activate the pile with leaves composted by mid-spring.

If you have huge volumes of leaves, you can try a combination of these approaches, but you may end up needing to bag some of the leaves or rake them to the curb.

Sledding in Cheverly is Fun for Everyone!





A Cheverly Winter Wonderland

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Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

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## Meetings & Events

### **CHEVERLY WEBSITE**

**cheverly-md.gov** You can easily contact the Mayor and Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor and Council page of the website.

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### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only
TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only
WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)
WED Town wide ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

Residents should leave trash at the curb 7:00 PM the day before pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents

**BAMBOO** is picked up on Thurs or Fri w/special trash (cut into 4' lengths, tied and bundled)

**POISON IVY** should be included in YARD WASTE on Monday. Place in bags for our workers protection.

<u>HOLIDAYS?</u> Public Works crews DO NOT work on Holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.

**ELECTRONICS** are picked up on **WEDNESDAY** with recycling. (TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards, etc)

**APPLIANCES -** Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Freezers/ Refrigerators (remove doors), microwaves (any size) and air conditioners. \$20 fee for removal, contact office for schedule. 301-773-2666